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83 AND STILL WORKING.

Hon. H. M. Stackhouse Believes Hard Work Will Prolong Life.

The following article by the staff correspondent of the Greenville News will be read with interest by the many Dillon friends of Hon. H. M. Stackhouse who makes occasional visits to Dillon to visit his son, Dr. Wade Stackhouse:

Clemson College, Sept. 3.—Hale and hearty, walking as sprightly as if he were still in his teens, Hugh Milton Stackhouse, now in his 83rd year, is an interesting character.

Mr. Stackhouse, for the benefit of those not acquainted with that fact, is secretary of the Board of Fertilizer Control of South Carolina. Since his connection with the board in 1901 the amount of commercial fertilizer has increased from 30,000 tons to 1,253,890 tons in 1920. The amount for 1921, however was considerably less than in 1920.

Mr. Stackhouse is generally recognized by South Carolinians and others familiar with the situation as being the best informed person in the Palmetto State on the fertilizing question. Although as modest as a school girl, Mr. Stackhouse is proud to believe that he has the confidence of both manufacturers and consumers—confidence won by always handing square deal to all.

A more interesting career than any other South Carolinian of today can boast of is Mr. Stackhouse's. He was born in Marion county, June 21, 1839, and after attending the rural schools of that county entered Wofford College, being a member of one of the oldest Methodist families in the state.

Served in War. He did not complete his college course, however, as the clouds of war were fast gathering over the Southland. Enlisting in Company E, 4th South Carolina Volunteer Cavalry, Mr. Stackhouse served throughout the war and with others from this state and throughout Dixie, laid down his arms at Greensboro when Jos. J. Johnston surrendered.

Being a farmer because he was reared in the country and loved the call of the soil, Mr. Stackhouse again took up farming, although for two years he engaged in teaching, largely to assist the youth of his community.

About this time Mr. Stackhouse removed to Marlboro and for 35 years he was rated as one of the best farmers in this garden spot of the Palmetto state.

In 1892 he was elected a member of the board of trustees of Clemson College and served in that capacity until 1901 when was elected to his present position. He also represented his county in the state legislature for eight years, four of which were in the lower house and four in the state senate.

His Hobby is Work. Mr. Stackhouse has but one hobby and that is work. Unlike John D. Rockefeller and others who are constantly found with their golf sticks and similar equipment, Mr. Stackhouse does not care to a great extent for any particular sport.

He likes sport for the other fellow and has no objection to the youth of the land enjoying baseball and football to their heart's content. But as for himself he finds recreation and happiness in work.

Worry it is that kills people, it has been said. In that event Hugh Milton Stackhouse will be spared for many years to serve the people of his native state. Any visitor to his office is struck with the cheerful, optimistic spirit which fills the room and as far as Mr. Stackhouse is concerned there is no such word as worry in Noah Webster's dictionary.

As a newspaperman sees it, this grand old man has but one fault. He dislikes to talk about himself. What information is obtained is by strategy and the most persistent use of note pad and pencil. Mr. Stackhouse prefers to talk about anything or anybody else and always has a cheerful story appropriate to the situation.

LITTLE BOY LOSES ARM.

There was a distressing accident at Dr. J. H. David's ginney two miles south of Dillon Thursday afternoon when little Tom Hamer, Dr. David's grandson, had his right arm so terribly mangled in a seed conveyor that it had to be taken off between the shoulder and elbow.

The little fellow had slipped into the gin house, climbed up on the conveyor box and was in the act of getting rosin off the ceiling when he slipped and fell. His elbow lodged in a hole in the conveyor box and was so badly mangled that it was hanging by a few shreds of flesh. The little fellow managed to extricate himself from his perilous position and was going down the steps when his cries attracted the attention of Mr. H. E. Dixon who went to his assistance. He was placed in an automobile and driven to town as rapidly as possible where his arm was amputated immediately.

At the time of the accident Dr. David was in Columbia attending a meeting of the Cooperative Marketing Association and could not be informed of the accident until he reached home that night.

Little Tom is a bright, active boy and the distressing accident which cost him his arm is greatly deplored not only by his own little friends but by the numerous friends of the family.

THOUSANDS VISIT

DILLON NIGHTLY.

Dillon is not on the National Highway and according to the reports sent out from Florence she stands a slim chance of getting on the Coastal Highway, but notwithstanding these disadvantages she is the stopping place every night for thousands of travelers who are making their annual pilgrimage from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Dillon is generous enough to offer free hotel facilities to these visitors and judging by the crowds that arrive late in the evenings Dillon evidently is put down as an important lay-over station on their tourist map.

Late Sunday afternoon," said Dr. Henslee, "I noticed a large drove of chimney sweeps circling round the Baptist church and as I watched them they made a circle or two and then went into the large furnace chimney. They flew straight down into the chimney. I became interested and Monday morning I got up early and went over to the church and saw them come out. They poured out in a great big stream and for a minute or two it looked like all the chimney sweeps in the world had roosted in that chimney during the night. The chimney sweeps headed out toward the east and disappeared over the horizon. This is the migratory season for the chimney sweep and I found out that for the last two weeks great droves had been coming in from the west, roosting in the church chimney during the night and leaving early next morning for the east or south. The chimney sweep spends his summers in Canada and his winters somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico. At what place in the gulf no one seems to know. I do not know how many miles they travel a day, but they have their official stopping places on the route and Dillon is one of these places. I think they have couriers or sentinels that go back and meet the next drove and pilot them to the regular stopping place. As a drove goes out in the morning on the southern journey new couriers or pilots are sent back to meet the next drove and the couriers or pilots that were on duty the preceding day join the drove in the morning on its journey toward the south, thus maintaining a perfect courier or pilot system from Canada to the Gulf during the migratory season. I noticed Sunday night that after the drove had gone to roost one or two sweeps kept circling around the spot and then disappeared. I take it for granted that they went back to the stopping place of some drove farther north and piloted them into the Baptist church chimney late Monday evening. It is a great sight and well worth one's time to go to the church late in the evening or early in the morning and see them arrive and depart."

Family Reunion.

A very pleasant occasion recently was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Surles when all the members of the family came together in a reunion which lasted two days. In addition to the parents there were present Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Surles and children of Mound Valley Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Surles of Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Surles and children of Sumter; Mr. and Mrs. John Surles and children of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thorn of Florence; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Driggers and children of Clio; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ammons and children of Dillon. There were present on this delightful occasion 29 children and grandchildren.

Following the reunion Mr. and Mrs. Surles took their children down to their farm near Latta and divided the place between them, giving to each child a nice little farm.

Weekly Cotton Letter by Savannah Cotton Factorage Co.

On Friday, September 2nd, October futures in New York closed strong at 17.88. New York remained closed until the following Tuesday on account of Labor Day Holidays. Liverpool seemed to realize on Monday that the American cotton crop was really a very small one, and that market advanced 61 English points while New York was closed. Liverpool made further sensational gains during the following two days. New York responded to this advance, and continued to soar until September 7th, when October touched 21.5 and the spring months went above 22c. Spot cotton sold as high as 21 1-2c to 22c basis middling. At this level a wave of profit taking set in and futures broke sharply. October touching 18c on Thursday. The market is now fluctuating between 18 1/2c and 19 1/2c, with an advancing tendency.

The ginners' report was published on September 8th showing 481,288 bales were ginned up to September 1st. This was more than the previous year, but 118,000 bales less than the ten year average. The official figures were as follows:

Ginned to September 1st:—	
1821	481,788 bales
1920	351,589 bales
1919	142,625 bales
1918	1,038,078 bales
1917	614,787 bales
1916	850,668 bales
Ten year average,	approximately 600,000 bales.

Profession without practice will not add to our power.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Carolina.

Court of General Sessions convened Monday with Judge Jas. E. Puerfoy of Walterboro presiding. The docket was heavy and court remained in session two full days. Following are the cases tried at this term:

Solomon Brown, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. Guilty of simple assault and battery. Sentence \$100 or 30 days.

Louie Bethea, housebreaking and larceny. Sentence 5 years with two years suspended.

Sandy Clark, Dan Johnson and Needy Nichols, violation of the dispensary law. Needy Nichols pleaded guilty to manufacturing and was sentenced to one year.

Nathaniel Crawford and Sam Toney housebreaking and larceny. Sentenced to one year, 6 months suspended on good behavior.

Bruce Campbell, housebreaking and larceny. Two years, with 6 months suspended.

Fulton Surles and Walker Smalls, housebreaking and larceny. Surles got 5 years with 2 years suspended. Smalls got two years on condition that he report to the clerk of court once a month, attend school regularly and make his grade.

Geo. Sealey, violation of prohibition law. Plead guilty. Sealed sentence returned.

Clyde Tart, assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons. Not guilty.

C. C. Stanton, forgery. Plead guilty. Two years and \$500. One year suspended.

Charlie Williams, assault with intent to ravish. Plead guilty and got ten years.

Lou Blake Luther Brooks, Hamie Davis, Mack Maple, Prince Allen, Jno. Crossland, Booker T. Ellerbe Howard Crawford, Daniel McBare, Ben McFarland, housebreaking and larceny. Remanded to magistrate.

Henry Coleman, Rufus Coleman, Daniel Coleman, larceny. Henry pleaded guilty and the case against Rufus and Daniel was continued.

Officers Found Guilty. A case that attracted a great deal of attention at this term was that of the State against Rural Policeman F. L. Sitton, Chief of Police L. F. Britt and Special Officer Stanley Hamilton. All of Tuesday morning was consumed with the taking of testimony.

The case grew out of charges preferred by Mr. Miller, a young drug clerk of Wallace, N. C. In his testimony Mr. Miller alleged that he was on his way to Latta to see his wife and child who were visiting at the home of Postmaster Ed. Bethea, his wife being a niece of Mr. Bethea. He arrived in Dillon about 3 o'clock in the morning and hired Will Stackhouse, a negro transfer driver to take him to Latta. They left for Latta about 4 o'clock. Near the cemetery an automobile passed them and stopped. In the automobile were Messrs. Sitton, Britt and Hamilton. Mr. Miller claimed that the officers searched the car for whiskey, forced him to alight and when they failed to find whiskey they began to abuse him. While the car was being searched he walked back to the officer's car and him he was a Mason. He said Officer Britt told him not to be alarmed, that no one was going to hurt him, as the car in which he was riding had been under suspicion for some time and they were looking for liquor. After making the search, Miller claims that he was told to get back in the car and proceed on his way to Latta. A mile or so down the road they came upon the officers again. They stopped the car and Mr. Sitton asked him if he could prove that he was a Mason. He said he could not answer in the presence of the other officers if they were not Masons. He said that he walked off with Mr. Sitton, but he could not remember the Masonic password and that Mr. Sitton then began to curse and abuse him and finally made him put up \$25 for his appearance before the proper officer to prove that he was not a suspicious character. This he did and proceeded on his way to Latta. The next morning Mr. Miller, in company with several Latta friends, came to Dillon and went before Sheriff Bethea to establish his identity. This he did to the satisfaction of the officers and the bond was returned. At this investigation Mr. Miller claimed that Officers Sitton and Hamilton had cursed and abused him, but the negroes who drove the car testified that the officers did not curse and abuse Mr. Miller. There were some hot words passed at the investigation, but after the matter had been adjusted Mr. Sitton told Miller that if he had done anything in what he conceived to be the discharge of his duty, to give him offense that he was sorry for it. Miller returned to Latta and swore out a warrant against the three officers, charging them with assault upon the public highway and the case came up for trial Tuesday morning. At the conclusion of Miller's testimony numerous witnesses were offered by the prosecution in an effort to prove that the officers were drinking. Several witnesses also came over from Mr. Miller's home town to testify to his general reputation, which they said was good.

Rural Policeman Sitton was the first witness introduced by the defense. Mr. Sitton said that he and Officers Britt and Hamilton were going down toward Latta to locate a liquor car. They had a puncture near Buck Swamp and went to the road camp to

Mr. Leon Norton left last week to resume his studies at the Presbyterian College, Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stone who have been on a visit to relatives here returned to their home near Raeford Saturday. Misses Bettie and Maggie McInnis accompanied them home for a several days visit.

Miss Johnnie Johnson of Rowland visited her sister Mrs. Gary Webster last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George White and little son are visiting their mother, Mrs. Mary McInnis.

Misses Emma Kate and Maud McInnis and Pearl McLaurin returned Tuesday to resume their studies at Flora McDonald College. Miss Willie Alma Henderson also enters college there this term.

School opened here Monday under very favorable circumstances. Quite a number of the patrons were at the opening exercises. Rev. C. G. Brown made the opening address followed by speeches from Hon. J. W. McKay and Supt. of Education H. M. Moody. Our school is fortunate in having secured an able corps of teachers for the coming term. Miss Laura McMurray from Lancaster comes back as principal; Miss Katherine Adams of Meriwether, S. C., has charge of the intermediate grades and music and Miss Annie Bell Poole of Clinton, the primary department. The opening prospects promise a bright future for the coming year.

Mr. S. W. Dendy, one of the field secretaries of Christian Endeavor, met with our society Friday. He met with the Junior Society in the afternoon and with the Senior Society that night.

Mrs. Eli Ammons and little daughters of Jackson Springs, N. C. are visiting Mrs. Ammons' sister, Mrs. A. H. Webster.

Pee Dee Very Low.

It is reported that Big Pee Dee river is the lowest it has been in many years. Old river residents claim it is the lowest they have ever seen it. At Mar's Bluff Ferry the water is so low that the bottom of the river is visible all the way across and the approaches to the ferry boat are becoming hard to get over.

get a jack. They could not fix the puncture and came back to town, arriving here about 2 o'clock, and got Mr. G. C. Johnson to go to the Dillon Motor Sales Co's, and get them an inner tube. The hour was late and Mr. Johnson demurred, but they explained to him that they had this car located and it was very important that they reach the place before daylight. Mr. Johnson went to the garage, got the inner tube and the officers left, going toward Latta. Near the cemetery they came across the Stackhouse car which they recognized. As the car was already under suspicion, said Mr. Sitton, they decided that it looked doubly suspicious to see it out on the highway at that hour of the night. When they went to search the car they found it contained a white man. The white man was Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller interposed an objection, saying that it was an outrage to hold up a man on the highway in any such manner. The officers told him that the car was under suspicion and that they wanted to look through it; that he was in no danger whatever and to keep quiet. After searching the car and finding nothing in the shape of liquor they told Stackhouse to proceed on to Latta with his passenger. They went on ahead of the car and before they reached Latta they began to discuss the claim made by Mr. Miller that he was a Mason. Mr. Sitton said this in itself looked suspicious to him and they stopped the car and he began to question Miller again. He said Miller told him he was on his way to Latta to see his wife and that she was visiting a "Mrs. Bethea." He asked what Mrs. Bethea she was visiting but he did not seem to know her first name. Mr. Sitton said he questioned him further as to his Masonic claims, being a Mason himself, but Mr. Miller could not give him the required Masonic signs. He then requested Miller to put up a bond which he did and allowed him to proceed on to Latta.

Mr. Sitton's testimony was corroborated by Officers Britt and Hamilton. Mr. G. C. Johnson also testified that when the officers were at the garage at 2 o'clock they were sober. Messrs. J. D. and Carrol Hargrove and F. B. David testified that they had seen Mr. Sitton around 12 o'clock that night and he was perfectly sober. Mr. Phil Cook, at whose house the officers stopped to enquire the way to a certain place shortly before they came up with the Stackhouse car, testified that they were sober when they were at his house.

After deliberating several hours the jury returned a verdict against the officers on the first charge, to-wit, misconduct in office, the second charge of assault and battery being dismissed. The court imposed a sentence of \$500 with a 12 month's suspended sentence on Mr. Sitton and a fine of \$250 each against Messrs. Britt and Hamilton, with a suspended sentence of 12 months.

The defendant's attorneys gave notice of appeal and the case will be carried to the supreme court in an effort to set aside the verdict and obtain a new trial.

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Miss Louise Blizzard left Monday for Converse College.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McKae spent last Friday in Fayetteville, N. C.

Mrs. W. Murchison spent Wednesday in Florence.

Mrs. Thelma Edens of Florence spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Miss Alice David has returned from a visit in Warrenton, N. C.

Miss Effie Ramsey spent the week end with friends at Mullins.

W. G. Lucas spent last Sunday in Fayetteville.

Fred Hargrove and J. F. Elliott left Tuesday for Clemson College.

Miss Ella Gaddy of Gaddy's Mill visited Miss Cora McKinley this week.

Misses Maggie and Sallie McEachern of Hamer were visitors here Tuesday.

S. T. Atkinson of Columbia is spending a few days in town this week.

Misses Mary Elizabeth Stackhouse and Emily Moore left Wednesday morning for Converse College.

Miss Floride Lesene of Charleston visited Mrs. T. S. Richbourg this week.

Messrs. Julius Blumberg and Walter Barefoot spent Sunday in Bennettsville.

S. S. Elfenbein returned Friday after an extended trip to the northern markets.

Mrs. W. B. Guill returned home Monday after spending several days with relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mr. M. R. Hamer of Spartanburg spent several days in the county this week with relatives.

Mr. E. L. Moore and family have returned home after spending some time at Hendersonville, N. C.

C. E. Lipscomb returned to Dillon Wednesday after an extended trip to Boston, Mass.

Miss Pauline McKinnon left Monday morning for Red Springs, N. C., where she will attend the Flora McDonald school.

Albert Allen left Tuesday morning for Clemson College.

I. T. Townsend of Richmond, Va., was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Robinson and children of Charleston are visiting Mrs. A. B. Welch this week.

Mrs. E. T. Elliott, Jr., and sister, Miss Louise Hodges, have gone to Mississippi.

Mrs. Charles Parker, who has been visiting Mrs. A. B. Welch left last Thursday for McColl.

Miss Thelma Hamilton returned home Sunday after an extended stay at Myrtle Beach.

Messrs. Tom David and Don Bethea left last week for Davidson College.

Norwood Richards, of Richards, N. C., was a business visitor in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weitus Gaddy and children of Gaddy's Mill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane.

Messrs. W. Murchison, A. V. Bethea, Walker Floyd and W. B. Stackhouse spent Monday and Tuesday at Murrell's Inlet.

Mr. Charlie Alley and son, Wade, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Braddy, returned to their home in Washington Sunday.

Miss Mary Sprunt Bethea left Wednesday for Red Springs, N. C., where she will attend Flora McDonald College.

Edgar T. Thompson returned yesterday to the University of South Carolina. Mr. Thompson completes the senior course at this term.

Miss Bessie Garrell of Whiteville, N. C., returned to her home Wednesday after an extended visit to her brother, Jesse Garrell.

Mrs. B. A. Fore and daughter, Mrs. James E. Sizemore, spent Tuesday in Florence with Mrs. N. B. McKenzie of Lake View, who is in the hospital there.

Mr. Carlisle Bracey left Friday night for Norfolk to take his little nephew, William Carter, Jr., who has been spending some time here with relatives.

Big Fire Loss at Floydale.

The large mercantile establishment of the Floyd Company at Floydale was completely destroyed by fire about three o'clock Monday morning. The large building and its entire stock of merchandise was a complete loss. When the fire was discovered the flames had gained such headway that none of the goods could be saved. For a time the depot was in danger, and it was only through the heroic efforts of the fire-fighters that this building was saved. The loss is estimated at about \$35,000, including the building and its contents, with between \$15,000 and \$20,000 insurance.

Cheraw Chronicle. Mrs. J. M. Rogers and daughter, Miss Beatrice, Miss Columbia Rowland, of Dillon and Mrs. P. P. Phillips, of Darlington, stopped over in Cheraw a short while today enroute from Darlington to Dillon.

D. A. R. Meeting. The Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R. had a splendid meeting with the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Earle Bethea, on Tuesday afternoon, who was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. Gibson of McColl. The Regent, Mrs. I. R. Craig, presided.

A book shower for Tamasee, the D. A. R. Mountain school, was one feature of the meeting and a number of splendid books were contributed.

Miss Lacey Jackson was elected corresponding secretary to succeed Miss Sue Sellers, resigned.

A splendid paper "North American Indian as the first settlers of our country" read by Mrs. James M. Sprunt was followed by the Indian song "Red Wing" on the Victrola. The committee on refreshments was Mrs. Earle Bethea, Mrs. T. W. Bethea and Mrs. C. R. Taber and a delicious fruit salad course with ice tea was served late in the afternoon.

Miss Estelle Braddy left Wednesday morning for Columbia College.

Miss Edith Elliott left Tuesday for Fayetteville, N. C., where she will teach in the Graded School.

Mrs. Charles C. Hayes and little daughter, Hazel, returned to Durham, N. C., Saturday after spending some time with Mrs. Haynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jackson.

Chas. F. Barlow has returned to the University of South Carolina where he will complete the senior course, after which he will take the junior law course.

Mr. Herman F. Duncan who graduated at Wofford College in June, and who made a very fine record at that Institution, has been elected to a position in the Sumter High School. He will teach Latin and English in that school and will coach the baseball team.

Services in the Presbyterian church at usual hours on next Sunday. The public is especially invited to attend the 11 o'clock service which will be the first service held in the auditorium of new building. Evening service to be held in Sunday school room on ground floor for the present.

The D. A. R. Chapter will have a household shower for Tamasee Mountain school for girls on Tuesday, September 20th. Articles are to be sent to Mr. James Hargrove's store anytime during the day and a committee will be there to receive them. All members and any friends of the chapter wishing to contribute to this worthy cause is asked to do so.

A potato weighing 5 3-4 pounds was sent to The Herald office last week by Mr. E. P. Lee of Hamer. Mr. Lee planted quite a large crop of potatoes this year from which he realized a handsome profit. The crop came off early and he sold them at good prices. Mr. Lee says it is a profitable crop and he will increase his acreage next year.

W. C. Easterling, a well-known Dillonite who is making his home in Plant City, Fla., is spending some time in the county with friends and relatives. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lella. Mr. Easterling moved to Florida about two years ago on account of his daughter's health. Miss Easterling's health did not improve very much in their new home and they decided to come back to Dillon for a stay of several weeks. Mr. Easterling is delighted with his adopted home, although he says he loves Dillon and it is a genuine pleasure for him to get back home for a hand-shake. Asked as to how conditions were in Florida, Mr. Easterling said the truckers realized fairly good prices for their fruit and truck and money was circulating pretty freely, although not as much as during the war. Florida was one of the first states to recover, and business is back to normal. Mr. Easterling said many farmers from the weevil infested sections of Georgia and Alabama were moving to Florida and buying lands. They say cotton in their states is a thing of the past and they are getting into new crops as rapidly as possible.